

# State Legislative Update for the Week of January 19 - 23, 2015

# Tuesday, January 20, 2015

# **Senate Session**

Bill introductions of veterans interest:

# Senators Brown, Anderson, Kiffmeyer, Rest and Koenen introduced:

**SF 169:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; providing a subtraction for certain military income; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.01, subdivision 19b.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

#### Senators Franzen, Reinert, Bonoff, Hoffman and Hall introduced:

**SF 191:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; allowing a subtraction for military retirement pay; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 290.01, subdivision 19b; 290.091, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

#### Senators Nelson, Dziedzic, Anderson, Kiffmeyer and Saxhaug introduced:

**SF 199:** A bill for an act relating to veterans; providing a veterans jobs tax credit; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290. Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

#### **Senators Housley and Anderson introduced:**

**SF 200:** A bill for an act relating to parks and trails; appropriating money for improvements at the veterans rest camp in Big Marine Lake. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### Senators Benson, Anderson, Gazelka and Westrom introduced:

**SF 222:** A bill for an act relating to veterans; modifying veteran-owned small business certification for purposes of state procurement; requiring contract bid preference for veteran-owned small businesses in certain situations involving capital investment projects; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 16C.19; 375.771, subdivisions 1, 2; 469.44, by adding a subdivision; 471.3457. Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

## **House Session**

Bill introductions of veterans interest:

#### Newton, Dettmer and Johnson, S., introduced:

**HF 243**: A bill for an act relating to transportation; establishing purple heart designation on driver's licenses and Minnesota identification cards; providing for state park permits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 85.053, by adding a subdivision; 171.07, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans Affairs Division.

#### **Lesch and Scott introduced:**

**HF 260**: A bill for an act relating to family law; establishing and modifying the Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 518.17, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 518E.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices.

## Wednesday, January 21, 2015

## **Senate Session**

Bill introductions of Veterans interest: None

Larry Shellito's appointment as Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs was submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law. The appointment request was referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

# Thursday, January 22, 2015

# **Senate Session**

Bill introductions of veterans interest:

#### Senators Ruud, Gazelka and Ortman introduced:

**SF 254:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; allowing a subtraction for Social Security benefits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 290.01, subdivision 19b; 290.091, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

#### Senators Limmer, Brown, Newman, Nienow and Anderson introduced:

**SF 256:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; income; allowing a subtraction for social security benefits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 290.01, subdivision 19b; 290.091, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

#### **Senator Gazelka introduced:**

**SF 258:** A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money for Minnesota Military Museum.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

### **House Session**

Bill introductions of veterans interest:

#### Kresha, Newton, Howe, O'Driscoll and Theis introduced:

**HF 283**: A bill for an act relating to the military; designating certain lands around Camp Ripley as sentinel landscape; creating a coordinating committee; requiring a report; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 190.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans Affairs Division.

# Heintzeman, Howe, Kresha, Hancock, Green, Torkelson, Wills and Zerwas introduced:

**HF 299**: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; providing a subtraction for military retirement pay; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 290.01, subdivision 19b; 290.091, subdivision 2.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans Affairs Division.

# Lohmer, Davids, Drazkowski, Hancock, Lueck, Wills, Peterson, Pugh, Slocum and Hertaus introduced:

**HF 300:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; income; allowing a subtraction for social security benefits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 290.01, subdivision 19b; 290.091, subdivision 2.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care Policy.

#### **Lueck and Heintzeman introduced:**

**HF 304:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; allowing a subtraction for Social Security benefits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 290.01, subdivision 19b; 290.091, subdivision 2.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care Policy.

#### **Davids introduced:**

**HF 308:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; allowing a phase in for subtraction for Social Security benefits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 290.01, subdivision 19b; 290.091, subdivision 2.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care Policy.

#### **Davids introduced:**

**HF 309:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; allowing a phase in for subtraction for Social Security benefits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 290.01, subdivision 19b; 290.091, subdivision 2.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care Policy.

#### **Dettmer introduced:**

**HF 312:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; providing a phased-in subtraction for military retirement pay; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 290.01, subdivision 19b; 290.091, subdivision 2.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans Affairs Division.

The Speaker of the House announced the following appointments and changes in committee assignments: On the Ways and Means Committee, the name of Rep. Tim Kelly was removed and the name of Rep. Bob Gunther added.

# **Upcoming Committee Hearings of Veterans Interest Week of January 26 – 30, 2015**

# Monday, January 26

Committee: House Veterans Affairs Division

Chair: Rep. Bob Dettmer

Room: 200 State Office Building

Time: 12:45 PM

Agenda:

**HF 10 (Wills):** Veterans jobs tax credit provided.

MN Department of Veterans Affairs: Overview of the five MN Veterans Homes: Mike McElhiney, Legislative Director; John Powers, Finance Director; Robin Gaustad, Acting Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Health Care.

# Tuesday, January 27

Committee: House Civil Law and Data Practiced

Chair: Rep. Peggy Scott

Room: 10 State Office Building

Time: 8:15 AM

Agenda:

HF 260 (Lesch): Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act established and

modified.

# Wednesday, January 28

Committee: Senate Tax Reform Division

Chair: Sen. Ann Rest Room: 15 Capitol Time: 8:30 AM

Agenda:

SF 123 (Senjem): Income tax social security benefits phased in subtraction.

SF 254 (Ruud): Income tax social security benefits phased in subtraction.

SF 256 (Limmer): Income tax social security benefits phased in subtraction.

SF 79 (Wiger): Veterans jobs income tax credit.

**SF 199** (Nelson): Veterans jobs income tax credit.